

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claim 55 (currently amended). Cultured stem cells obtained from a method of ex vivo expansion of stem cells, comprising the steps of;

(a) culturing stem cells with a selected growth medium comprising a chimera protein having the formula selected from the group consisting of:

R₁-L-R₂, R₂-L-R₁, R₁-R₂, R₂-R₁, R₁-L-R₁ and R₁-R₁

wherein R₁ is a human interleukin-3 mutant polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:1

wherein

Xaa at position 17 is Ser, Lys, Gly, Asp, Met, Gln, or Arg;

Xaa at position 18 is Asn, His, Leu, Ile, Phe, Arg, or Gln;

Xaa at position 19 is Met, Phe, Ile, Arg, Gly, Ala, or Cys;

Xaa at position 20 is Ile, Cys, Gln, Glu, Arg, Pro, or Ala;

Xaa at position 21 is Asp, Phe, Lys, Arg, Ala, Gly, Glu,

Gln, Asn, Thr, Ser or Val;

Xaa at position 22 is Glu, Trp, Pro, Ser, Ala, His, Asp,

Asn, Gln, Leu, Val or Gly;

Xaa at position 23 is Ile, Val, Ala, Leu, Gly, Trp, Lys,

Phe, Ser, or Arg;

Xaa at position 24 is Ile, Gly, Val, Arg, Ser, Phe, or Leu;

Xaa at position 25 is Thr, His, Gly, Gln, Arg, Pro, or Ala;

Xaa at position 26 is His, Thr, Phe, Gly, Arg, Ala, or Trp;

Xaa at position 27 is Leu, Gly, Arg, Thr, Ser, or Ala;
Xaa at position 28 is Lys, Arg, Leu, Gln, Gly, Pro, Val or Trp;
Xaa at position 29 is Gln, Asn, Leu, Pro, Arg, or Val;
Xaa at position 30 is Pro, His, Thr, Gly, Asp, Gln, Ser, Leu, or Lys;
Xaa at position 31 is Pro, Asp, Gly, Ala, Arg, Leu, or Gln;
Xaa at position 32 is Leu, Val, Arg, Gln, Asn, Gly, Ala, or Glu;
Xaa at position 33 is Pro, Leu, Gln, Ala, Thr, or Glu;
Xaa at position 34 is Leu, Val, Gly, Ser, Lys, Glu, Gln,
Thr, Arg, Ala, Phe, Ile or Met;
Xaa at position 35 is Leu, Ala, Gly, Asn, Pro, Gln, or Val;
Xaa at position 36 is Asp, Leu, or Val;
Xaa at position 37 is Phe, Ser, Pro, Trp, or Ile;
Xaa at position 38 is Asn, or Ala;
Xaa at position 40 is Leu, Trp, or Arg;
Xaa at position 41 is Asn, Cys, Arg, Leu, His, Met, or Pro;
Xaa at position 42 is Gly, Asp, Ser, Cys, Asn, Lys, Thr,
Leu, Val, Glu, Phe, Tyr, Ile, Met or Ala;
Xaa at position 43 is Glu, Asn, Tyr, Leu, Phe, Asp, Ala,
Cys, Gln, Arg, Thr, Gly or Ser;
Xaa at position 44 is Asp, Ser, Leu, Arg, Lys, Thr, Met,
Trp, Glu, Asn, Gln, Ala or Pro;
Xaa at position 45 is Gln, Pro, Phe, Val, Met, Leu, Thr,
Lys, Trp, Asp, Asn, Arg, Ser, Ala, Ile, Glu or His;
Xaa at position 46 is Asp, Phe, Ser, Thr, Cys, Glu, Asn,
Gln, Lys, His, Ala, Tyr, Ile, Val or Gly;
Xaa at position 47 is Ile, Gly, Val, Ser, Arg, Pro, or His;
Xaa at position 48 is Leu, Ser, Cys, Arg, Ile, His, Phe,
Glu, Lys, Thr, Ala, Met, Val or Asn;
Xaa at position 49 is Met, Arg, Ala, Gly, Pro, Asn, His, or Asp;

Xaa at position 50 is Glu, Leu, Thr, Asp, Tyr, Lys, Asn, Ser, Ala, Ile, Val, His, Phe, Met or Gln; Xaa at position 51 is Asn, Arg, Met, Pro, Ser, Thr, or His; Xaa at position 52 is Asn, His, Arg, Leu, Gly, Ser, or Thr; Xaa at position 53 is Leu, Thr, Ala, Gly, Glu, Pro, Lys, Ser, or Met; Xaa at position 54 is Arg, Asp, Ile, Ser, Val, Thr, Gln, Asn, Lys, His, Ala or Leu; Xaa at position 55 is Arg, Thr, Val, Ser, Leu, or Gly; Xaa at position 56 is Pro, Gly, Cys, Ser, Gln, Glu, Arg, His, Thr, Ala, Tyr, Phe, Leu, Val or Lys; Xaa at position 57 is Asn or Gly; Xaa at position 58 is Leu, Ser, Asp, Arg, Gln, Val, or Cys; Xaa at position 59 is Glu, Tyr, His, Leu, Pro, or Arg; Xaa at position 60 is Ala, Ser, Pro, Tyr, Asn, or Thr; Xaa at position 61 is Phe, Asn, Glu, Pro, Lys, Arg, or Ser; Xaa at position 62 is Asn, His, Val, Arg, Pro, Thr, Asp, or Ile; Xaa at position 63 is Arg, Tyr, Trp, Lys, Ser, His, Pro, or Val; Xaa at position 64 is Ala, Asn, Pro, Ser, or Lys; Xaa at position 65 is Val, Thr, Pro, His, Leu, Phe, or Ser; Xaa at position 66 is Lys, Ile, Arg, Val, Asn, Glu, or Ser; Xaa at position 67 is Ser, Ala, Phe, Val, Gly, Asn, Ile, Pro, or His; Xaa at position 68 is Leu, Val, Trp, Ser, Ile, Phe, Thr, or His; Xaa at position 69 is Gln, Ala, Pro, Thr, Glu, Arg, Trp, Gly, or Leu; Xaa at position 70 is Asn, Leu, Val, Trp, Pro, or Ala; Xaa at position 71 is Ala, Met, Leu, Pro, Arg, Glu, Thr, Gln, Trp, or Asn; Xaa at position 72 is Ser, Glu, Met, Ala, His, Asn, Arg, or Asp;

Xaa at position 73 is Ala, Glu, Asp, Leu, Ser, Gly, Thr, or Arg;
Xaa at position 74 is Ile, Met, Thr, Pro, Arg, Gly, Ala;
Xaa at position 75 is Glu, Lys, Gly, Asp, Pro, Trp, Arg,
Ser, Gln, or Leu;
Xaa at position 76 is Ser, Val, Ala, Asn, Trp, Glu, Pro, Gly, or
Asp;
Xaa at position 77 is Ile, Ser, Arg, Thr, or Leu;
Xaa at position 78 is Leu, Ala, Ser, Glu, Phe, Gly, or Arg;
Xaa at position 79 is Lys, Thr, Asn, Met, Arg, Ile, Gly, or Asp;
Xaa at position 80 is Asn, Trp, Val, Gly, Thr, Leu, Glu, or Arg;
Xaa at position 81 is Leu, Gln, Gly, Ala, Trp, Arg, Val, or Lys;
Xaa at position 82 is Leu, Gln, Lys, Trp, Arg, Asp, Glu, Asn, His,
Thr, Ser, Ala, Tyr, Phe, Ile, Met or Val;
Xaa at position 83 is Pro, Ala, Thr, Trp, Arg, or Met;
Xaa at position 84 is Cys, Glu, Gly, Arg, Met, or Val;
Xaa at position 85 is Leu, Asn, Val, or Gln;
Xaa at position 86 is Pro, Cys, Arg, Ala, or Lys;
Xaa at position 87 is Leu, Ser, Trp, or Gly;
Xaa at position 88 is Ala, Lys, Arg, Val, or Trp;
Xaa at position 89 is Thr, Asp, Cys, Leu, Val, Glu, His, Asn, or
Ser;
Xaa at position 90 is Ala, Pro, Ser, Thr, Gly, Asp, Ile, or Met;
Xaa at position 91 is Ala, Pro, Ser, Thr, Phe, Leu, Asp, or His;
Xaa at position 92 is Pro, Phe, Arg, Ser, Lys, His, Ala,
Gly, Ile or Leu;
Xaa at position 93 is Thr, Asp, Ser, Asn, Pro, Ala, Leu, or Arg;
Xaa at position 94 is Arg, Ile, Ser, Glu, Leu, Val, Gln,
Lys, His, Ala, or Pro;
Xaa at position 95 is His, Gln, Pro, Arg, Val, Leu, Gly,
Thr, Asn, Lys, Ser, Ala, Trp, Phe, Ile, or Tyr;

Xaa at position 96 is Pro, Lys, Tyr, Gly, Ile, or Thr;
Xaa at position 97 is Ile, Val, Lys, Ala, or Asn;
Xaa at position 98 is His, Ile, Asn, Leu, Asp, Ala, Thr,
Glu, Gln, Ser, Phe, Met, Val, Lys, Arg, Tyr or Pro;
Xaa at position 99 is Ile, Leu, Arg, Asp, Val, Pro, Gln,
Gly, Ser, Phe, or His;
Xaa at position 100 is Lys, Tyr, Leu, His, Arg, Ile, Ser, Gln, or
Pro;
Xaa at position 101 is Asp, Pro, Met, Lys, His, Thr, Val,
Tyr, Glu, Asn, Ser, Ala, Gly, Ile, Leu, or Gln;
Xaa at position 102 is Gly, Leu, Glu, Lys, Ser, Tyr, or Pro;
Xaa at position 103 is Asp, or Ser;
Xaa at position 104 is Trp, Val, Cys, Tyr, Thr, Met, Pro,
Leu, Gln, Lys, Ala, Phe, or Gly;
Xaa at position 105 is Asn, Pro, Ala, Phe, Ser, Trp, Gln,
Tyr, Leu, Lys, Ile, Asp, or His;
Xaa at position 106 is Glu, Ser, Ala, Lys, Thr, Ile, Gly, or Pro;
Xaa at position 108 is Arg, Lys, Asp, Leu, Thr, Ile, Gln,
His, Ser, Ala or Pro;
Xaa at position 109 is Arg, Thr, Pro, Glu, Tyr, Leu, Ser, or Gly;
Xaa at position 110 is Lys, Ala, Asn, Thr, Leu, Arg, Gln,
His, Glu, Ser, or Trp;
Xaa at position 111 is Leu, Ile, Arg, Asp, or Met;
Xaa at position 112 is Thr, Val, Gln, Tyr, Glu, His, Ser, or Phe;
Xaa at position 113 is Phe, Ser, Cys, His, Gly, Trp, Tyr,
Asp, Lys, Leu, Ile, Val or Asn;
Xaa at position 114 is Tyr, Cys, His, Ser, Trp, Arg, or Leu;
Xaa at position 115 is Leu, Asn, Val, Pro, Arg, Ala, His,
Thr, Trp, or Met;
Xaa at position 116 is Lys, Leu, Pro, Thr, Met, Asp, Val,

Glu, Arg, Trp, Ser, Asn, His, Ala, Tyr, Phe, Gln, or

Ile;

Xaa at position 117 is Thr, Ser, Asn, Ile, Trp, Lys, or Pro;

Xaa at position 118 is Leu, Ser, Pro, Ala, Glu, Cys, Asp, or Tyr;

Xaa at position 119 is Glu, Ser, Lys, Pro, Leu, Thr, Tyr, or Arg;

Xaa at position 120 is Asn, Ala, Pro, Leu, His, Val, or Gln;

Xaa at position 121 is Ala, Ser, Ile, Asn, Pro, Lys, Asp, or Gly;

Xaa at position 122 is Gln, Ser, Met, Trp, Arg, Phe, Pro,

His, Ile, Tyr, or Cys;

Xaa at position 123 is Ala, Met, Glu, His, Ser, Pro, Tyr, or Leu;

wherein from 1 to 14 amino acids can be deleted from the N-terminus and/or from 1 to 15 amino acids can be deleted from the C-terminus of said human interleukin-3 mutant polypeptide; and wherein from 4 to 44 of the amino acids designated by Xaa are different from the corresponding amino acids of native (1-133) human interleukin-3 with the proviso that the residues corresponding to position 101 or 116 are not Ala or Val, respectively and with the proviso that no more than one of the amino acids at positions 63, 82, 87, 98 and 112 are different from the corresponding amino acids in said native human interleukin-3; and wherein said human interleukin-3 mutant polypeptide has increased activity relative to native human interleukin-3 in at least one assay selected from the group consisting of: AML cell proliferataion, TF-1 cell proliferation and methylcellulose assay;

R₂ is a hematopoietic growth factor;

L is a linker capable of Linking R₁ to R₂; and said chimera protein can additionally be immediately preceded by (methionine⁻¹), (alanine⁻¹), or (methionine⁻², alanine⁻¹); and

(b) harvesting said cultured stem cells.

Claim 56 (original). The cultured stem cells of claim 55 wherein said chimera protein is

of the formula selected from the group consisting of:

R₁-L-R₂, R₂-L-R₁, R₁-R₂, R₂-R₁, R₁-L-R₁ and R₁-R₁

wherein R₁ is a human interleukin-3 mutant polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:4

wherein

Xaa at position 3 is Ser, Lys, Gly, Asp, Met, Gln, or Arg;

Xaa at position 4 is Asn, His, Leu, Ile, Phe, Arg, or Gln;

Xaa at position 5 is Met, Phe, Ile, Arg, Gly, Ala, or Cys;

Xaa at position 6 is Ile, Cys, Gln, Glu, Arg, Pro, or Ala;

Xaa at position 7 is Asp, Phe, Lys, Arg, Ala, Gly, Glu,

Gln, Asn, Thr, Ser or Val;

Xaa at position 8 is Glu, Trp, Pro, Ser, Ala, His, Asp,

Asn, Gln, Leu, Val, or Gly;

Xaa at position 9 is Ile, Val, Ala, Gly, Trp, Lys,

Phe, Ser, or Arg;

Xaa at position 10 is Ile, Gly, Val, Arg, Ser, Phe, or Leu;

Xaa at position 11 is Thr, His, Gly, Gln, Arg, Pro, or Ala;

Xaa at position 12 is His, Thr, Phe, Gly, Arg, Ala, or Trp;

Xaa at position 13 is Leu, Gly, Arg, Thr, Ser, or Ala;

Xaa at position 14 is Lys, Arg, Leu, Gln, Gly, Pro, Val or Trp;

Xaa at position 15 is Gln, Asn, Leu, Pro, Arg, or Val;

Xaa at position 16 is Pro, His, Thr, Gly, Asp, Gln, Ser, Leu, or

Lys;

Xaa at position 17 is Pro, Asp, Gly, Ala, Arg, Leu, or Gln;

Xaa at position 18 is Leu, Val, Arg, Gln, Asn, Gly, Ala, or Glu;

Xaa at position 19 is Pro, Leu, Gln, Ala, Thr, or Glu;

Xaa at position 20 is Leu, Val, Gly, Ser, Lys, Glu, Gln,

Thr, Arg, Ala, Phe, Ile or Met;

Xaa at position 21 is Leu, Ala, Gly, Asn, Pro, Gln, or Val;
Xaa at position 22 is Asp, Leu, or Val;
Xaa at position 23 is Phe, Ser, Pro, Trp, or Ile;
Xaa at position 24 is Asn, or Ala;
Xaa at position 26 is Leu, Trp, or Arg;
Xaa at position 27 is Asn, Cys, Arg, Leu, His, Met, Pro;
Xaa at position 28 is Gly, Asp, Ser, Cys, Ala, Lys, Asn,
Thr, Leu, Val, Glu, Phe, Tyr, Ile or Met;
Xaa at position 29 is Glu, Asn, Tyr, Leu, Phe, Asp, Ala,
Cys, Gln, Arg, Thr, Gly or Ser;
Xaa at position 30 is Asp, Ser, Leu, Arg, Lys, Thr, Met,
Trp, Glu, Asn, Gln, Ala or Pro;
Xaa at position 31 is Gln, Pro, Phe, Val, Met, Leu, Thr,
Lys, Asp, Asn, Arg, Ser, Ala, Ile, Glu, His or Trp;
Xaa at position 32 is Asp, Phe, Ser, Thr, Cys, Glu, Asn,
Gln, Lys, His, Ala, Tyr, Ile, Val or Gly;
Xaa at position 33 is Ile, Gly, Val, Ser, Arg, Pro, or His;
Xaa at position 34 is Leu, Ser, Cys, Arg, Ile, His, Phe,
Glu, Lys, Thr, Ala, Met, Val or Asn;
Xaa at position 35 is Met, Arg, Ala, Gly, Pro, Asn, His, or Asp;
Xaa at position 36 is Glu, Leu, Thr, Asp, Tyr, Lys, Asn,
Ser, Ala, Ile, Val, His, Phe, Met or Gln;
Xaa at position 37 is Asn, Arg, Met, Pro, Ser, Thr, or His;
Xaa at position 38 is Asn, His, Arg, Leu, Gly, Ser, or Thr;
Xaa at position 39 is Leu, Thr, Ala, Gly, Glu, Pro, Lys, Ser, or
Met;
Xaa at position 40 is Arg, Asp, Ile, Ser, Val, Thr, Gln,
Asn, Lys, His, Ala or Leu;
Xaa at position 41 is Arg, Thr, Val, Ser, Leu, or Gly;
Xaa at position 42 is Pro, Gly, Cys, Ser, Gln, Glu, Arg,

His, Thr, Ala, Tyr, Phe, Leu, Val or Lys;
Xaa at position 43 is Asn or Gly;
Xaa at position 44 is Leu, Ser, Asp, Arg, Gln, Val, or Cys;
Xaa at position 45 is Glu, Tyr, His, Leu, Pro, or Arg;
Xaa at position 46 is Ala, Ser, Pro, Tyr, Asn, or Thr;
Xaa at position 47 is Phe, Asn, Glu, Pro, Lys, Arg, or Ser;
Xaa at position 48 is Asn, His, Val, Arg, Pro, Thr, Asp, or Ile;
Xaa at position 49 is Arg, Tyr, Trp, Lys, Ser, His, Pro, or Val;
Xaa at position 50 is Ala, Asn, Pro, Ser, or Lys;
Xaa at position 51 is Val, Thr, Pro, His, Leu, Phe, or Ser;
Xaa at position 52 is Lys, Ile, Arg, Val, Asn, Glu, or Ser;
Xaa at position 53 is Ser, Ala, Phe, Val, Gly, Asn, Ile, Pro, or
His;
Xaa at position 54 is Leu, Val, Trp, Ser, Ile, Phe, Thr, or His;
Xaa at position 55 is Gln, Ala, Pro, Thr, Glu, Arg, Trp, Gly, or Leu;
Xaa at position 56 is Asn, Leu, Val, Trp, Pro, or Ala;
Xaa at position 57 is Ala, Met, Leu, Pro, Arg, Glu, Thr,
Gln, Trp, or Asn;
Xaa at position 58 is Ser, Glu, Met, Ala, His, Asn, Arg, or Asp;
Xaa at position 59 is Ala, Glu, Asp, Leu, Ser, Gly, Thr, or Arg;
Xaa at position 60 is Ile, Met, Thr, Pro, Arg, Gly, Ala;
Xaa at position 61 is Glu, Lys, Gly, Asp, Pro, Trp, Arg, Ser, Gln,
or, Leu;
Xaa at position 62 is Ser, Val, Ala, Asn, Trp, Glu, Pro, Gly, or
Asp;
Xaa at position 63 is Ile, Ser, Arg, Thr, or Leu;
Xaa at position 64 is Leu, Ala, Ser, Glu, Phe, Gly, or Arg;
Xaa at position 65 is Lys, Thr, Gly, Asn, Met, Arg, Ile, or Asp;
Xaa at position 66 is Asn, Trp, Val, Gly, Thr, Leu, Glu, or Arg;
Xaa at position 67 is Leu, Gln, Gly, Ala, Trp, Arg, Val, or Lys;

Xaa at position 68 is Leu, Gln, Lys, Trp, Arg, Asp, Glu,
Asn, His, Thr, Ser, Ala, Tyr, Phe, Ile, Met or Val;
Xaa at position 69 is Pro, Ala, Thr, Trp, Arg, or Met;
Xaa at position 70 is Cys, Glu, Gly, Arg, Met, or Val;
Xaa at position 71 is Leu, Asn, Val, or Gln;
Xaa at position 72 is Pro, Cys, Arg, Ala, or Lys;
Xaa at position 73 is Leu, Ser, Trp, or Gly;
Xaa at position 74 is Ala, Lys, Arg, Val, or Trp;
Xaa at position 75 is Thr, Asp, Cys, Leu, Val, Glu, His, Asn, or
Ser;
Xaa at position 76 is Ala, Pro, Ser, Thr, Gly, Asp, Ile, or Met;
Xaa at position 77 is Ala, Pro, Ser, Thr, Phe, Leu, Asp, or His;
Xaa at position 78 is Pro, Phe, Arg, Ser, Lys, His, Ala,
Gly, Ile or Leu;
Xaa at position 79 is Thr, Asp, Ser, Asn, Pro, Ala, Leu, or Arg;
Xaa at position 80 is Arg, Ile, Ser, Glu, Leu, Val, Gln,
Lys, His, Ala or Pro;
Xaa at position 81 is His, Gln, Pro, Arg, Val, Leu, Gly,
Thr, Asn, Lys, Ser, Ala, Trp, Phe, Ile or Tyr;
Xaa at position 82 is Pro, Lys, Tyr, Gly, Ile, or Thr;
Xaa at position 83 is Ile, Val, Lys, Ala, or Asn;
Xaa at position 84 is His, Ile, Asn, Leu, Asp, Ala, Thr,
Glu, Gln, Ser, Phe, Met, Val, Lys, Arg, Tyr or Pro;
Xaa at position 85 is Ile, Leu, Arg, Asp, Val, Pro, Gln,
Gly, Ser, Phe, or His;
Xaa at position 86 is Lys, Tyr, Leu, His, Arg, Ile, Ser, Gln, Pro;
Xaa at position 87 is Asp, Pro, Met, Lys, His, Thr, Val,
Tyr, Glu, Asn, Ser, Ala, Gly, Ile, Leu or Gln;
Xaa at position 88 is Gly, Leu, Glu, Lys, Ser, Tyr, or Pro;
Xaa at position 89 is Asp, or Ser;

Xaa at position 90 is Trp, Val, Cys, Tyr, Thr, Met, Pro,
Leu, Gln, Lys, Ala, Phe, or Gly;
Xaa at position 91 is Asn, Pro, Ala, Phe, Ser, Trp, Gln,
Tyr, Leu, Lys, Ile, Asp, or His;
Xaa at position 92 is Glu, Ser, Ala, Lys, Thr, Ile, Gly, or Pro;
Xaa at position 94 is Arg, Lys, Asp, Leu, Thr, Ile, Gln,
His, Ser, Ala, or Pro;
Xaa at position 95 is Arg, Thr, Pro, Glu, Tyr, Leu, Ser, or Gly;
Xaa at position 96 is Lys, Asn, Thr, Leu, Gln, Arg,
His, Glu, Ser, Ala or Trp;
Xaa at position 97 is Leu, Ile, Arg, Asp, or Met;
Xaa at position 98 is Thr, Val, Gln, Tyr, Glu, His, Ser, or Phe;
Xaa at position 99 is Phe, Ser, Cys, His, Gly, Trp, Tyr,
Asp, Lys, Leu, Ile, Val or Asn;
Xaa at position 100 is Tyr, Cys, His, Ser, Trp, Arg, or Leu;
Xaa at position 101 is Leu, Asn, Val, Pro, Arg, Ala, His,
Thr, Trp, or Met;
Xaa at position 102 is Lys, Leu, Pro, Thr, Met, Asp, Val,
Glu, Arg, Trp, Ser, Asn, His, Ala, Tyr, Phe, Gln, or
Ile;
Xaa at position 103 is Thr, Ser, Asn, Ile, Trp, Lys, or Pro;
Xaa at position 104 is Leu, Ser, Pro, Ala, Glu, Cys, Asp, or Tyr;
Xaa at position 105 is Glu, Ser, Lys, Pro, Leu, Thr, Tyr, or Arg;
Xaa at position 106 is Asn, Ala, Pro, Leu, His, Val, or Gln;
Xaa at position 107 is Ala, Ser, Ile, Asn, Pro, Lys, Asp, or Gly;
Xaa at position 108 is Gln, Ser, Met, Trp, Arg, Phe, Pro,
His, Ile, Tyr, or Cys;
Xaa at position 109 is Ala, Met, Glu, His, Ser, Pro, Tyr, or Leu;

wherein from 4 to 44 of the amino acids designated by Xaa are different from the corresponding

native amino acids of (1-133) human interleukin-3;

R₂ is a hematopoietic growth factor;

L is a linker capable of Linking R₁ to R₂; and said chimera protein can additionally be immediately preceded by (methionine⁻¹), (alanine⁻¹), or (methionine⁻², alanine⁻¹).

Claim 57 (currently amended). Cultured stem cells obtained from a method of ex vivo expansion of stem cells, comprising the steps of;

(a) culturing stem cells with a selected growth medium comprising a chimera protein having the formula selected from the group consisting of:

R₁-L-R₂, R₂-L-R₁, R₁-R₂, R₂-R₁, R₁-L-R₁ and R₁-R₁

wherein R₁ is a human interleukin-3 mutant polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:7

wherein m is 0 or 1; Xaa at position 18 is Asn or Ile; Xaa at position 19 is Met, Ala or Ile; Xaa at position 20 is Ile, Pro or Leu; Xaa at position 23 is Ile, Ala or Leu; Xaa at position 25 is Thr or His; Xaa at position 29 is Gln, Arg, Val or Leu; Xaa at position 32 is Leu, Ala, Asn or Arg; Xaa at position 34 is Leu or Ser; Xaa at position 37 is Phe, Pro, or Ser; Xaa at position 38 is Asn or Ala; Xaa at position 42 is Gly, Ala, Ser, Asp or Asn; Xaa at position 45 is Gln, Val, or Met; Xaa at position 46 is Asp or Ser; Xaa at position 49 is Met, Ile, Leu or Asp; Xaa at position 50 is Glu or Asp; Xaa at position 51 is Asn Arg or Ser; Xaa at position 55 is Arg, Leu, or Thr; Xaa at position 56 is Pro or Ser; Xaa at position 59 is Glu or Leu; Xaa at position 60 is Ala or Ser; Xaa at position 62 is Asn, Val or Pro; Xaa at position 63 is Arg or His; Xaa at position 65 is Val or Ser; Xaa at position 67 is Ser, Asn, His or Gly; Xaa at position 69 is Gln or Glu; Xaa at position 73 is Ala or Gly; Xaa at position 76 is Ser, Ala or Pro; Xaa at position 79 is Lys, Arg or Ser; Xaa at position 82 is Leu, Glu, Val or Trp; Xaa at position 85 is Leu or Val; Xaa at position 87 is Leu, Ser, Trp; Xaa at position 88 is Ala or Trp; Xaa at position 91 is

Ala or Pro; Xaa at position 93 is Pro or Ser; Xaa at position 95 is His or Thr; Xaa at position 98 is His, Ile, or Thr; Xaa at position 100 is Lys or Arg; Xaa at position 101 is Asp, Ala or Met; Xaa at position 105 is Asn or Gln; Xaa at position 109 is Arg, Glu or Leu; Xaa at position 112 is Thr or Gln; Xaa at position 116 is Lys, Val, Trp or Ser; Xaa at position 117 is Thr or Ser; Xaa at position 120 is Asn, Gln, or His; Xaa at position 123 is Ala or Glu; with the proviso that from four to forty-four of the amino acids designated by Xaa are different from the corresponding amino acids of native human interleukin-3 and with the proviso that the residues corresponding to position 101 or 116 are not Ala or Val, respectively and with the proviso that no more than one of the amino acids at positions 63, 82, 87, 98 and 112 are different from the corresponding amino acids in said native human interleukin-3; and wherein said human interleukin-3 mutant polypeptide has increased activity relative to native human interleukin-3 in at least one assay selected from the group consisting of: AML cell proliferataion, TF-1 cell proliferation and methylcellulose assay;

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R₁-L-R₂, R₂-L-R₁, R₁-R₂, R₂-R₁, R₁-L-R₁ and R₁-R₁

wherein R₁ is a human interleukin-3 mutant polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:8

wherein m is 0 or 1; n is 0 or 1; p is 0 or 1; Xaa at position 4 is Asn or Ile; Xaa at position 5 is Met, Ala or Ile; Xaa at position 6 is Ile, Pro or Leu; Xaa at position 9 is Ile, Ala or Leu; Xaa at position 11 is Thr or His; Xaa at position 15 is Gln, Arg, Val or Leu; Xaa at position 18 is Leu, Ala, Asn or Arg; Xaa at position 20 is Leu or Ser; Xaa at position 23 is Phe, Pro, or Ser; Xaa at position 24 is Asn or Ala; Xaa at position 28 is Gly, Ala, Ser, Asp or Asn; Xaa at position 31 is Gln, Val, or Met; Xaa at position 32 is Asp or Ser; Xaa at position 35 is Met, Ile, Leu or Asp; Xaa at position 36 is Glu or Asp; Xaa at position 37 is Asn, Arg or Ser; Xaa at position 41 is Arg, Leu, or Thr; Xaa at position 42 is Pro or Ser; Xaa at position 45 is Glu or Leu; Xaa at position 46 is Ala or Ser; Xaa at position 48 is Asn, Val or Pro; Xaa at position 49 is Arg or His; Xaa at position 51 is Val or Ser; Xaa at position 53 is Ser, Asn, His or Gly; Xaa at position 55 is Gln or Glu; Xaa at position 59 is Ala or Gly; Xaa at position 62 is Ser, Ala or Pro; Xaa at position 65 is Lys, Arg or Ser; Xaa at position 67 is Leu, Glu, or Val; Xaa at position 68 is Leu, Glu, Val or Trp; Xaa at position 71 is Leu or Val; Xaa at position 73 is Leu, Ser or Trp; Xaa at position 74 is Ala or Trp; Xaa at position 77 is Ala or Pro; Xaa at position 79 is Pro or Ser; Xaa at position 81 is His or Thr; Xaa at position 84 is His, Ile, or Thr; Xaa at position 86 is Lys or Arg; Xaa at position 87 is Asp, Ala or Met; Xaa at position 91 is Asn or Glu; Xaa at position 95 is Arg, Glu, Leu; Xaa at position 98 Thr or Gln; Xaa at position 102 is Lys, Val, Trp or Ser; Xaa at position 103 is Thr or Ser; Xaa at position 106 is Asn, Gln, or His; Xaa at position 109 is Ala or Glu; with the proviso that from four to forty-four of the amino acids designated by Xaa are different from the corresponding amino acids of native (15-125)human interleukin-3 and with the proviso that the residues corresponding to position 101 or 116 are not Ala or Val, respectively and with the proviso that no more than one of the amino acids at positions 63, 82, 87, 98 and 112 are different from the corresponding amino acids in said native human interleukin-3; and wherein said human interleukin-3 mutant polypeptide has increased activity relative to native human interleukin-3 in at least one assay selected from the group consisting of: AML cell proliferataion, TF-1 cell proliferation and methylcellulose assay;

R₂ is a hematopoietic growth factor;

L is a linker capable of Linking R₁ to R₂; and said chimera protein can additionally be immediately preceded by (methionine⁻¹), (alanine⁻¹), or (methionine⁻², alanine⁻¹); and

(b) harvesting said cultured stem cells.

Claim 59 (original). The cultured stem cells of claim 55 wherein R₁ is selected from the group consisting of:

Asn Cys Ser Ile Met Ile Asp Glu Ile Ile His His Leu Lys Arg Pro Pro Ala Pro Leu Leu Asp Pro Asn Asn Leu Asn Ala Glu Asp Val Asp Ile Leu Met Glu Asn Asn Leu Arg Arg Pro Asn Leu Glu Ala Phe Asn Arg Ala Val Lys Ser Leu Gln Asn Ala Ser Ala Ile Glu Ser Ile Leu Lys Asn Leu Leu Pro Cys Leu Pro Leu Ala Thr Ala Ala Pro Thr Arg His Pro Ile His Ile Lys Asp Gly Asp Trp Asn Glu Phe Arg Arg Lys Leu Thr Phe Tyr Leu Lys Thr Leu Glu Asn Ala Gln Ala Gln Gln SEQ ID NO:9;

Asn Cys Ser Ile Met Ile Asp Glu Ile Ile His His Leu Lys Arg Pro Pro Asn Pro Leu Leu Asp Pro Asn Asn Leu Asn Ser Glu Asp Met Asp Ile Leu Met Glu Asn Asn Leu Arg Arg Pro Asn Leu Glu Ala Phe Asn Arg Ala Val Lys Ser Leu Gln Asn Ala Ser Ala Ile Glu Ser Ile Leu Lys Asn Leu Leu Pro Cys Leu Pro Leu Ala Thr Ala Ala Pro Thr Arg His Pro Ile His Ile Lys Asp Gly Asp Trp Asn Glu Phe Arg Arg Lys Leu Thr Phe Tyr Leu Lys Thr Leu Glu Asn Ala Gln Ala Gln Gln SEQ ID NO:10;

Asn Cys Ser Ile Met Ile Asp Glu Ile Ile His His Leu Lys Val Pro Pro Ala Pro Leu Leu Asp Ser Asn Asn Leu Asn Ser Glu Asp Met Asp Ile Leu Met Glu Asn Asn Leu Arg Arg Pro Asn Leu Glu Ala Phe Asn Arg Ala Val Lys Ser Leu Gln Asn Ala Ser Ala Ile Glu Ser Ile Leu Lys Asn Leu Leu Pro Cys Leu Pro Leu Ala Thr Ala Ala Pro Thr Arg His Pro Ile His Ile Lys Asp Gly Asp Trp Asn Glu Phe Arg Arg Lys Leu Thr Phe Tyr Leu Lys Thr Leu Glu Asn Ala Gln Ala Gln Gln SEQ ID NO:11;

Asn Cys Ser Asn Met Ile Asp Glu Ile Ile Thr His Leu Lys Gln Pro Pro Leu Pro Leu Asp

Phe Asn Asn Leu Asn Gly Glu Asp Gln Asp Ile Leu Met Glu Arg Asn Leu Arg Leu Pro Asn Leu Leu Ala Phe Val Arg Ala Val Lys Asn Leu Glu Asn Ala Ser Ala Ile Glu Ser Ile Leu Lys Asn Leu Leu Pro Cys Leu Pro Leu Ala Thr Ala Ala Pro Thr Arg His Pro Ile His Ile Lys Asp Gly Asp Trp Asn Glu Phe Arg Arg Lys Leu Thr Phe Tyr Leu Lys Thr Leu Glu Asn Ala Gln Ala Gln Gln SEQ ID NO:12;

Asn Cys Ser Asn Met Ile Asp Glu Ile Ile Thr His Leu Lys Gln Pro Pro Leu Pro Leu Asp Phe Asn Asn Leu Asn Gly Glu Asp Gln Asp Ile Leu Met Glu Arg Asn Leu Arg Leu Pro Asn Leu Glu Ser Phe Val Arg Ala Val Lys Asn Leu Glu Asn Ala Ser Ala Ile Glu Ser Ile Leu Lys Asn Leu Leu Pro Cys Leu Pro Leu Ala Thr Ala Ala Pro Thr Arg His Pro Ile His Ile Lys Asp Gly Asp Trp Asn Glu Phe Arg Arg Lys Leu Thr Phe Tyr Leu Lys Thr Leu Glu Asn Ala Gln Ala Gln Gln SEQ ID NO:13;

Asn Cys Ser Asn Met Ile Asp Glu Ile Ile Thr His Leu Lys Gln Pro Pro Leu Pro Leu Asp Phe Asn Asn Leu Asn Gly Glu Asp Gln Asp Ile Leu Met Glu Arg Asn Leu Arg Thr Pro Asn Leu Leu Ala Phe Val Arg Ala Val Lys His Leu Glu Asn Ala Ser Ala Ile Glu Ser Ile Leu Lys Asn Leu Leu Pro Cys Leu Pro Leu Ala Thr Ala Ala Pro Thr Arg His Pro Ile His Ile Lys Asp Gly Asp Trp Asn Glu Phe Arg Arg Lys Leu Thr Phe Tyr Leu Lys Thr Leu Glu Asn Ala Gln Ala Gln Gln SEQ ID NO:14;

Asn Cys Ser Asn Met Ile Asp Glu Ile Ile Thr His Leu Lys Gln Pro Pro Leu Pro Leu Asp Phe Asn Asn Leu Asn Gly Glu Asp Gln Asp Ile Leu Met Glu Asn Asn Leu Arg Arg Pro Asn Leu Glu Ala Phe Asn Arg Ala Val Lys Ser Leu Gln Asn Ala Ser Gly Ile Glu Ala Ile Leu Arg Asn Leu Gln Pro Cys Leu Pro Ser Ala Thr Ala Ala Pro Ser Arg His Pro Ile Ile Lys Ala Gly Asp Trp Gln Glu Phe Arg Arg Lys Leu Thr Phe Tyr Leu Lys Thr Leu Glu Asn Ala Gln Ala Gln Gln SEQ ID NO:15;

Asn Cys Ser Asn Met Ile Asp Glu Ile Ile Thr His Leu Lys Gln Pro Pro Leu Pro Leu Asp Phe Asn Asn Leu Asn Gly Glu Asp Gln Asp Ile Leu Met Glu Asn Asn Leu Arg Arg Pro Asn Leu Glu Ala Phe Asn Arg Ala Val Lys Ser Leu Gln Asn Ala Ser Gly Ile Glu Ala Ile Leu Arg

Asn Leu Val Pro Cys Leu Pro Ser Ala Thr Ala Ala Pro Ser Arg His Pro Ile Thr Ile Lys Ala Gly Asp Trp Gln Glu Phe Arg Arg Lys Leu Thr Phe Tyr Leu Lys Thr Leu Glu Asn Ala Gln Ala Gln Gln SEQ ID NO:16;

Asn Cys Ser Asn Met Ile Asp Glu Ile Ile Thr His Leu Lys Gln Pro Pro Leu Pro Leu Leu Asp Phe Asn Asn Leu Asn Gly Glu Asp Gln Asp Ile Leu Met Glu Asn Asn Leu Arg Arg Pro Asn Leu Glu Ala Phe Asn Arg Ala Val Lys Ser Leu Gln Asn Ala Ser Ala Ile Glu Ser Ile Leu Lys Asn Leu Leu Pro Cys Leu Pro Leu Ala Thr Ala Ala Pro Thr Arg His Pro Ile His Ile Lys Asp Gly Asp Trp Asn Glu Phe Arg Glu Lys Leu Thr Phe Tyr Leu Val Thr Leu Glu Gln Ala Gln Glu Gln Gln SEQ ID NO:17;

Asn Cys Ser Asn Met Ile Asp Glu Ile Ile Thr His Leu Lys Gln Pro Pro Leu Pro Leu Leu Asp Phe Asn Asn Leu Asn Gly Glu Asp Gln Asp Ile Leu Met Glu Asn Asn Leu Arg Arg Pro Asn Leu Glu Ala Phe Asn Arg Ala Val Lys Ser Leu Gln Asn Ala Ser Ala Ile Glu Ser Ile Leu Lys Asn Leu Leu Pro Cys Leu Pro Leu Ala Thr Ala Ala Pro Thr Arg His Pro Ile His Ile Lys Asp Gly Asp Trp Asn Glu Phe Arg Glu Lys Leu Thr Phe Tyr Leu Val Ser Leu Glu His Ala Gln Glu Gln Gln SEQ ID NO:18;

Asn Cys Ser Asn Met Ile Asp Glu Ile Ile Thr His Leu Lys Gln Pro Pro Leu Pro Leu Leu Asp Phe Asn Asn Leu Asn Gly Glu Asp Gln Asp Ile Leu Met Glu Asn Asn Leu Arg Arg Pro Asn Leu Glu Ala Phe Asn Arg Ala Val Lys Ser Leu Gln Asn Ala Ser Gly Ile Glu Ala Ile Leu Arg Asn Leu Gln Pro Cys Leu Pro Ser Ala Thr Ala Ala Pro Ser Arg His Pro Ile Ile Ile Lys Ala Gly Asp Trp Gln Glu Phe Arg Glu Lys Leu Thr Phe Tyr Leu Val Thr Leu Glu Gln Ala Gln Glu Gln Gln SEQ ID NO:19;

Asn Cys Ser Asn Met Ile Asp Glu Ile Ile Thr His Leu Lys Gln Pro Pro Leu Pro Leu Leu Asp Phe Asn Asn Leu Asn Gly Glu Asp Gln Asp Ile Leu Met Glu Asn Asn Leu Arg Arg Pro Asn Leu Glu Ala Phe Asn Arg Ala Val Lys Ser Leu Gln Asn Ala Ser Gly Ile Glu Ala Ile Leu Arg Asn Leu Val Pro Cys Leu Pro Ser Ala Thr Ala Ala Pro Ser Arg His Pro Ile Thr Ile Lys Ala Gly Asp Trp Gln Glu Phe Arg Glu Lys Leu Thr Phe Tyr Leu Val Thr Leu Glu Gln Ala Gln Glu Gln

Gln SEQ ID NO:20;

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Phe Asn Asn Leu Asn Gly Glu Asp Gln Asp Ile Leu Met Glu Asn Asn Leu Arg Arg Pro Asn
Leu Glu Ala Phe Asn Arg Ala Val Lys Ser Leu Gln Asn Ala Ser Gly Ile Glu Ala Ile Leu Arg
Asn Leu Val Pro Cys Leu Pro Ser Ala Thr Ala Ala Pro Ser Arg His Pro Ile Thr Ile Lys Ala Gly
Asp Trp Gln Glu Phe Arg Glu Lys Leu Thr Phe Tyr Leu Val Ser Leu Glu His Ala Gln Glu Gln
Gln SEQ ID NO:21;

Asn Cys Ser Ile Met Ile Asp Glu Ile Ile His His Leu Lys Arg Pro Pro Ala Pro Leu Leu Asp Pro
Asn Asn Leu Asn Ala Glu Asp Val Asp Ile Leu Met Glu Arg Asn Leu Arg Leu Pro Asn Leu
Glu Ser Phe Val Arg Ala Val Lys Asn Leu Glu Asn Ala Ser Ala Ile Glu Ser Ile Leu Lys Asn
Leu Leu Pro Cys Leu Pro Leu Ala Thr Ala Ala Pro Thr Arg His Pro Ile His Ile Lys Asp Gly
Asp Trp Asn Glu Phe Arg Arg Lys Leu Thr Phe Tyr Leu Lys Thr Leu Glu Asn Ala Gln Ala Gln
Gln SEQ ID NO:22;

Asn Cys Ser Ile Met Ile Asp Glu Ile Ile His His Leu Lys Arg Pro Pro Asn Pro Leu Leu Asp Pro
Asn Asn Leu Asn Ser Glu Asp Met Asp Ile Leu Met Glu Arg Asn Leu Arg Thr Pro Asn Leu
Leu Ala Phe Val Arg Ala Val Lys His Leu Glu Asn Ala Ser Ala Ile Glu Ser Ile Leu Lys Asn
Leu Leu Pro Cys Leu Pro Leu Ala Thr Ala Ala Pro Thr Arg His Pro Ile His Ile Lys Asp Gly
Asp Trp Asn Glu Phe Arg Arg Lys Leu Thr Phe Tyr Leu Lys Thr Leu Glu Asn Ala Gln Ala Gln
Gln SEQ ID NO:23;

Asn Cys Ser Ile Met Ile Asp Glu Ile Ile His His Leu Lys Val Pro Pro Ala Pro Leu Leu Asp Ser
Asn Asn Leu Asn Ser Glu Asp Met Asp Ile Leu Met Glu Arg Asn Leu Arg Leu Pro Asn Leu
Leu Ala Phe Val Arg Ala Val Lys Asn Leu Glu Asn Ala Ser Ala Ile Glu Ser Ile Leu Lys Asn
Leu Leu Pro Cys Leu Pro Leu Ala Thr Ala Ala Pro Thr Arg His Pro Ile His Ile Lys Asp Gly
Asp Trp Asn Glu Phe Arg Arg Lys Leu Thr Phe Tyr Leu Lys Thr Leu Glu Asn Ala Gln Ala Gln
Gln SEQ ID NO:24;

Met Ala Asn Cys Ser Asn Met Ile Asp Glu Ile Ile Thr His Leu Lys Gln Pro Pro Leu Pro Leu
Leu Asp Phe Asn Asn Leu Asn Gly Glu Asp Gln Asp Ile Leu Met Glu Asn Asn Leu Arg Arg
Pro Asn Leu Glu Ala Phe Asn Arg Ala Val Lys Ser Leu Gln Asn Ala Ser Gly Ile Glu Ala Ile
Leu Arg Asn Leu Gln Pro Cys Leu Pro Ser Ala Thr Ala Ala Pro Ser Arg His Pro Ile Ile Lys
Ala Gly Asp Trp Gln Glu Phe Arg Glu Lys Leu Thr Phe Tyr Leu Val Thr Leu Glu Gln Ala Gln
Glu Gln Gln SEQ ID NO:25;

Met Ala Asn Cys Ser Asn Met Ile Asp Glu Ile Ile Thr His Leu Lys Gln Pro Pro Leu Pro Leu
Leu Asp Phe Asn Asn Leu Asn Gly Glu Asp Gln Asp Ile Leu Met Glu Asn Asn Leu Arg Arg
Pro Asn Leu Glu Ala Phe Asn Arg Ala Val Lys Ser Leu Gln Asn Ala Ser Gly Ile Glu Ala Ile
Leu Arg Asn Leu Val Pro Cys Leu Pro Ser Ala Thr Ala Ala Pro Ser Arg His Pro Ile Thr Ile Lys
Ala Gly Asp Trp Gln Glu Phe Arg Glu Lys Leu Thr Phe Tyr Leu Val Thr Leu Glu Gln Ala Gln
Glu Gln Gln SEQ ID NO:26;

Met Ala Asn Cys Ser Asn Met Ile Asp Glu Ile Ile Thr His Leu Lys Gln Pro Pro Leu Pro Leu
Leu Asp Phe Asn Asn Leu Asn Gly Glu Asp Gln Asp Ile Leu Met Glu Asn Asn Leu Arg Arg
Pro Asn Leu Glu Ala Phe Asn Arg Ala Val Lys Ser Leu Gln Asn Ala Ser Gly Ile Glu Ala Ile
Leu Arg Asn Leu Val Pro Cys Leu Pro Ser Ala Thr Ala Ala Pro Ser Arg His Pro Ile Thr Ile Lys
Ala Gly Asp Trp Gln Glu Phe Arg Glu Lys Leu Thr Phe Tyr Leu Val Ser Leu Glu His Ala Gln
Glu Gln Gln SEQ ID NO:27;

Met Ala Asn Cys Ser Ile Met Ile Asp Glu Ile Ile His His Leu Lys Arg Pro Pro Ala Pro Leu Leu
Asp Pro Asn Asn Leu Asn Ala Glu Asp Val Asp Ile Leu Met Glu Arg Asn Leu Arg Leu Pro
Asn Leu Glu Ser Phe Val Arg Ala Val Lys Asn Leu Glu Asn Ala Ser Ala Ile Glu Ser Ile Leu
Lys Asn Leu Leu Pro Cys Leu Pro Leu Ala Thr Ala Ala Pro Thr Arg His Pro Ile His Ile Lys
Asp Gly Asp Trp Asn Glu Phe Arg Arg Lys Leu Thr Phe Tyr Leu Lys Thr Leu Glu Asn Ala
Gln Ala Gln Gln SEQ ID NO:28;

Met Ala Asn Cys Ser Ile Met Ile Asp Glu Ile Ile His His Leu Lys Arg Pro Pro Asn Pro Leu Leu
Asp Pro Asn Asn Leu Asn Ser Glu Asp Met Asp Ile Leu Met Glu Arg Asn Leu Arg Thr Pro

Asn Leu Leu Ala Phe Val Arg Ala Val Lys His Leu Glu Asn Ala Ser Ala Ile Glu Ser Ile Leu Lys Asn Leu Leu Pro Cys Leu Pro Leu Ala Thr Ala Ala Pro Thr Arg His Pro Ile His Ile Lys Asp Gly Asp Trp Asn Glu Phe Arg Arg Lys Leu Thr Phe Tyr Leu Lys Thr Leu Glu Asn Ala Gln Ala Gln Gln SEQ ID NO:29;

Met Ala Asn Cys Ser Ile Met Ile Asp Glu Ile Ile His His Leu Lys Val Pro Pro Ala Pro Leu Leu Asp Ser Asn Asn Leu Asn Ser Glu Asp Met Asp Ile Leu Met Glu Arg Asn Leu Arg Leu Pro Asn Leu Leu Ala Phe Val Arg Ala Val Lys Asn Leu Glu Asn Ala Ser Ala Ile Glu Ser Ile Leu Lys Asn Leu Leu Pro Cys Leu Pro Leu Ala Thr Ala Ala Pro Thr Arg His Pro Ile His Ile Lys Asp Gly Asp Trp Asn Glu Phe Arg Arg Lys Leu Thr Phe Tyr Leu Lys Thr Leu Glu Asn Ala Gln Ala Gln Gln SEQ ID NO:30;

Met Ala Asn Cys Ser Ile Met Ile Asp Glu Ile Ile His His Leu Lys Arg Pro Pro Ala Pro Leu Leu Asp Pro Asn Asn Leu Asn Ala Glu Asp Val Asp Ile Leu Met Glu Arg Asn Leu Arg Leu Pro Asn Leu Glu Ser Phe Val Arg Ala Val Lys Asn Leu Glu Asn Ala Ser Gly Ile Glu Ala Ile Leu Arg Asn Leu Gln Pro Cys Leu Pro Ser Ala Thr Ala Ala Pro Ser Arg His Pro Ile Ile Ile Lys Ala Gly Asp Trp Gln Glu Phe Arg Glu Lys Leu Thr Phe Tyr Leu Val Thr Leu Glu Gln Ala Gln Glu Gln Gln SEQ ID NO:31;

Met Ala Asn Cys Ser Ile Met Ile Asp Glu Ile Ile His His Leu Lys Arg Pro Pro Asn Pro Leu Leu Asp Pro Asn Asn Leu Asn Ser Glu Asp Met Asp Ile Leu Met Glu Arg Asn Leu Arg Thr Pro Asn Leu Leu Ala Phe Val Arg Ala Val Lys His Leu Glu Asn Ala Ser Gly Ile Glu Ala Ile Leu Arg Asn Leu Gln Pro Cys Leu Pro Ser Ala Thr Ala Ala Pro Ser Arg His Pro Ile Ile Ile Lys Ala Gly Asp Trp Gln Glu Phe Arg Glu Lys Leu Thr Phe Tyr Leu Val Thr Leu Glu Gln Ala Gln Glu Gln Gln SEQ ID NO:32;

Met Ala Asn Cys Ser Ile Met Ile Asp Glu Ile Ile His His Leu Lys Val Pro Pro Ala Pro Leu Leu Asp Ser Asn Asn Leu Asn Ser Glu Asp Met Asp Ile Leu Met Glu Arg Asn Leu Arg Leu Pro Asn Leu Leu Ala Phe Val Arg Ala Val Lys Asn Leu Glu Asn Ala Ser Gly Ile Glu Ala Ile Leu Arg Asn Leu Gln Pro Cys Leu Pro Ser Ala Thr Ala Ala Pro Ser Arg His Pro Ile Ile Ile Lys Ala

Gly Asp Trp Gln Glu Phe Arg Glu Lys Leu Thr Phe Tyr Leu Val Thr Leu Glu Gln Ala Gln Glu Gln Gln SEQ ID NO:33;

Met Ala Asn Cys Ser Ile Met Ile Asp Glu Ile Ile His His Leu Lys Arg Pro Pro Ala Pro Leu Leu Asp Pro Asn Asn Leu Asn Ala Glu Asp Val Asp Ile Leu Met Glu Arg Asn Leu Arg Leu Pro Asn Leu Glu Ser Phe Val Arg Ala Val Lys Asn Leu Glu Asn Ala Ser Gly Ile Glu Ala Ile Leu Arg Asn Leu Val Pro Cys Leu Pro Ser Ala Thr Ala Ala Pro Ser Arg His Pro Ile Thr Ile Lys Ala Gly Asp Trp Gln Glu Phe Arg Glu Lys Leu Thr Phe Tyr Leu Val Thr Leu Glu Gln Ala Gln Glu Gln Gln SEQ ID NO:34;

Met Ala Asn Cys Ser Ile Met Ile Asp Glu Ile Ile His His Leu Lys Val Pro Pro Ala Pro Leu Leu Asp Ser Asn Asn Leu Asn Ser Glu Asp Met Asp Ile Leu Met Glu Arg Asn Leu Arg Leu Pro Asn Leu Leu Ala Phe Val Arg Ala Val Lys Asn Leu Glu Asn Ala Ser Gly Ile Glu Ala Ile Leu Arg Asn Leu Val Pro Cys Leu Pro Ser Ala Thr Ala Ala Pro Ser Arg His Pro Ile Thr Ile Lys Ala Gly Asp Trp Gln Glu Phe Arg Glu Lys Leu Thr Phe Tyr Leu Val Thr Leu Glu Gln Ala Gln Glu Gln Gln SEQ ID NO:35;

Met Ala Asn Cys Ser Ile Met Ile Asp Glu Ile Ile His His Leu Lys Arg Pro Pro Asn Pro Leu Leu Asp Pro Asn Asn Leu Asn Ser Glu Asp Met Asp Ile Leu Met Glu Arg Asn Leu Arg Thr Pro Asn Leu Leu Ala Phe Val Arg Ala Val Lys His Leu Glu Asn Ala Ser Gly Ile Glu Ala Ile Leu Arg Asn Leu Val Pro Cys Leu Pro Ser Ala Thr Ala Ala Pro Ser Arg His Pro Ile Thr Ile Lys Ala Gly Asp Trp Gln Glu Phe Arg Glu Lys Leu Thr Phe Tyr Leu Val Ser Leu Glu His Ala Gln Glu Gln Gln SEQ ID NO:36;

Met Ala Asn Cys Ser Ile Met Ile Asp Glu Ile Ile His His Leu Lys Val Pro Pro Ala Pro Leu Leu Asp Ser Asn Asn Leu Asn Ser Glu Asp Met Asp Ile Leu Met Glu Arg Asn Leu Arg Leu Pro Asn Leu Leu Ala Phe Val Arg Ala Val Lys Asn Leu Glu Asn Ala Ser Gly Ile Glu Ala Ile Leu Arg Asn Leu Val Pro Cys Leu Pro Ser Ala Thr Ala Ala Pro Ser Arg His Pro Ile Thr Ile Lys Ala Gly Asp Trp Gln Glu Phe Arg Glu Lys Leu Thr Phe Tyr Leu Val Ser Leu Glu His Ala Gln Glu Gln Gln SEQ ID NO:37;

Met Ala Asn Cys Ser Ile Met Ile Asp Glu Ile Ile His His Leu Lys Arg Pro Pro Asn Pro Leu Leu Asp Pro Asn Asn Leu Asn Ser Glu Asp Met Asp Ile Leu Met Glu Arg Asn Leu Arg Thr Pro Asn Leu Leu Ala Phe Val Arg Ala Val Lys His Leu Glu Asn Ala Ser Gly Ile Glu Ala Ile Leu Arg Asn Leu Val Pro Cys Leu Pro Ser Ala Thr Ala Ala Pro Ser Arg His Pro Ile Thr Ile Lys Ala Gly Asp Trp Gln Glu Phe Arg Glu Lys Leu Thr Phe Tyr Leu Val Thr Leu Glu Gln Ala Gln Glu Gln Gln SEQ ID NO:38;

Met Ala Asn Cys Ser Ile Met Ile Asp Glu Ile Ile His His Leu Lys Arg Pro Pro Ala Pro Leu Leu Asp Pro Asn Asn Leu Asn Ala Glu Asp Val Asp Ile Leu Met Glu Arg Asn Leu Arg Leu Pro Asn Leu Glu Ser Phe Val Arg Ala Val Lys Asn Leu Glu Asn Ala Ser Gly Ile Glu Ala Ile Leu Arg Asn Leu Val Pro Cys Leu Pro Ser Ala Thr Ala Ala Pro Ser Arg His Pro Ile Thr Ile Lys Ala Gly Asp Trp Gln Glu Phe Arg Glu Lys Leu Thr Phe Tyr Leu Val Ser Leu Glu His Ala Gln Glu Gln Gln SEQ ID NO:39;

Met Ala Asn Cys Ser Ile Met Ile Asp Glu Ile Ile His His Leu Lys Arg Pro Pro Ala Pro Leu Leu Asp Pro Asn Asn Leu Asn Ala Glu Asp Val Asp Ile Leu Met Asp Arg Asn Leu Arg Leu Ser Asn Leu Glu Ser Phe Val Arg Ala Val Lys Asn Leu Glu Asn Ala Ser Gly Ile Glu Ala Ile Leu Arg Asn Leu Gln Pro Cys Leu Pro Ser Ala Thr Ala Ala Pro Ser Arg His Pro Ile Ile Ile Lys Ala Gly Asp Trp Gln Glu Phe Arg Glu Lys Leu Thr Phe Tyr Leu Val Thr Leu Glu Gln Ala Gln Glu Gln Gln SEQ ID NO:40;

Met Ala Asn Cys Ser Ile Met Ile Asp Glu Ala Ile His His Leu Lys Arg Pro Pro Ala Pro Ser Leu Asp Pro Asn Asn Leu Asn Asp Glu Asp Met Ser Ile Leu Met Glu Arg Asn Leu Arg Leu Pro Asn Leu Glu Ser Phe Val Arg Ala Val Lys Asn Leu Glu Asn Ala Ser Gly Ile Glu Ala Ile Leu Arg Asn Leu Gln Pro Cys Leu Pro Ser Ala Thr Ala Ala Pro Ser Arg His Pro Ile Ile Ile Lys Ala Gly Asp Trp Gln Glu Phe Arg Glu Lys Leu Thr Phe Tyr Leu Val Thr Leu Glu Gln Ala Gln Glu Gln Gln SEQ ID NO:41;

Met Ala Asn Cys Ser Ile Met Ile Asp Glu Ile Ile His His Leu Lys Arg Pro Pro Ala Pro Leu Leu

Asp Pro Asn Asn Leu Asn Asp Glu Asp Met Ser Ile Leu Met Glu Arg Asn Leu Arg Leu Pro
Asn Leu Glu Ser Phe Val Arg Ala Val Lys Asn Leu Glu Asn Ala Ser Gly Ile Glu Ala Ile Leu
Arg Asn Leu Gln Pro Cys Leu Pro Ser Ala Thr Ala Ala Pro Ser Arg His Pro Ile Ile Lys Ala
Gly Asp Trp Gln Glu Phe Arg Glu Lys Leu Thr Phe Tyr Leu Val Thr Leu Glu Gln Ala Gln Glu
Gln Gln SEQ ID NO:42;

Met Ala Asn Cys Ser Ile Met Ile Asp Glu Ile Ile His His Leu Lys Arg Pro Pro Ala Pro Leu Leu
Asp Pro Asn Asn Leu Asn Ala Glu Asp Val Asp Ile Leu Met Asp Arg Asn Leu Arg Leu Pro
Asn Leu Glu Ser Phe Val Arg Ala Val Lys Asn Leu Glu Asn Ala Ser Gly Ile Glu Ala Ile Leu
Arg Asn Leu Gln Pro Cys Leu Pro Ser Ala Thr Ala Ala Pro Ser Arg His Pro Ile Ile Lys Ala
Gly Asp Trp Gln Glu Phe Arg Glu Lys Leu Thr Phe Tyr Leu Val Thr Leu Glu Gln Ala Gln Glu
Gln Gln SEQ ID NO:43;

Met Ala Asn Cys Ser Ile Met Ile Asp Glu Ile Ile His His Leu Lys Arg Pro Pro Ala Pro Leu Leu
Asp Pro Asn Asn Leu Asn Asp Glu Asp Val Ser Ile Leu Met Glu Arg Asn Leu Arg Leu Pro
Asn Leu Glu Ser Phe Val Arg Ala Val Lys Asn Leu Glu Asn Ala Ser Gly Ile Glu Ala Ile Leu
Arg Asn Leu Gln Pro Cys Leu Pro Ser Ala Thr Ala Ala Pro Ser Arg His Pro Ile Ile Lys Ala
Gly Asp Trp Gln Glu Phe Arg Glu Lys Leu Thr Phe Tyr Leu Val Thr Leu Glu Gln Ala Gln Glu
Gln Gln SEQ ID NO:44;

Met Ala Asn Cys Ser Ile Met Ile Asp Glu Ile Ile His His Leu Lys Arg Pro Pro Ala Pro Leu Leu
Asp Pro Asn Asn Leu Asn Asp Glu Asp Met Ser Ile Leu Met Glu Arg Asn Leu Arg Leu Pro
Asn Leu Glu Ser Phe Val Arg Ala Val Lys Asn Leu Glu Asn Ala Ser Gly Ile Glu Ala Ile Leu
Arg Asn Leu Gln Pro Cys Leu Pro Ser Ala Thr Ala Ala Pro Ser Arg His Pro Ile Ile Lys Ala
Gly Asp Trp Gln Glu Phe Arg Glu Lys Leu Thr Phe Tyr Leu Val Thr Leu Glu Gln Ala Gln Glu
Gln Gln SEQ ID NO:45;

Met Ala Tyr Pro Glu Thr Asp Tyr Lys Asp Asp Asp Asp Lys Asn Cys Ser Ile Met Ile Asp Glu
Ile Ile His His Leu Lys Arg Pro Pro Ala Pro Leu Leu Asp Pro Asn Asn Leu Asn Ala Glu Asp
Val Asp Ile Leu Met Glu Arg Asn Leu Arg Leu Pro Asn Leu Glu Ser Phe Val Arg Ala Val Lys

Asn Leu Glu Asn Ala Ser Gly Ile Glu Ala Ile Leu Arg Asn Leu Gln Pro Cys Leu Pro Ser Ala
Thr Ala Ala Pro Ser Arg His Pro Ile Ile Lys Ala Gly Asp Trp Gln Glu Phe Arg Glu Lys Leu
Thr Phe Tyr Leu Val Thr Leu Glu Gln Ala Gln Glu Gln Gln SEQ ID NO:46;

Met Ala Tyr Pro Glu Thr Asp Tyr Lys Asp Asp Asp Asp Lys Asn Cys Ser Ile Met Ile Asp Glu
Ile Ile His His Leu Lys Arg Pro Pro Asn Pro Leu Leu Asp Pro Asn Asn Leu Asn Ser Glu Asp
Met Asp Ile Leu Met Glu Arg Asn Leu Arg Thr Pro Asn Leu Leu Ala Phe Val Arg Ala Val Lys
His Leu Glu Asn Ala Ser Gly Ile Glu Ala Ile Leu Arg Asn Leu Gln Pro Cys Leu Pro Ser Ala
Thr Ala Ala Pro Ser Arg His Pro Ile Ile Lys Ala Gly Asp Trp Gln Glu Phe Arg Glu Lys Leu
Thr Phe Tyr Leu Val Thr Leu Glu Gln Ala Gln Glu Gln Gln SEQ ID NO:47; and

Met Ala Asn Cys Ser Ile Met Ile Asp Glu Leu Ile His His Leu Lys Ile Pro Pro Asn Pro Ser Leu
Asp Ser Ala Asn Leu Asn Ser Glu Asp Val Ser Ile Leu Met Glu Arg Asn Leu Arg Thr Pro Asn
Leu Leu Ala Phe Val Arg Ala Val Lys His Leu Glu Asn Ala Ser Gly Ile Glu Ala Ile Leu Arg
Asn Leu Gln Pro Cys Leu Pro Ser Ala Thr Ala Ala Pro Ser Arg His Pro Ile Ile Lys Ala Gly
Asp Trp Gln Glu Phe Arg Glu Lys Leu Thr Phe Tyr Leu Val Thr Leu Glu Gln Ala Gln Glu Gln
Gln SEQ ID NO:48.

Claim 60 (currently amended). The cultured stem cells of claim 55, 56, 57, 58 or 59 wherein *is* R₂ is R₁ or a hematopoietic growth factor selected from the group consisting of: GM-CSF, CSF-1, G-CSF, G-CSF Ser¹⁷, c-mpl ligand (MGDF or TPO), M-CSF, erythropoietin (EPO), IL-1, IL-2, IL-3, IL-4, IL-5, IL-6, IL-7, IL-8, IL-9, IL-10, IL-11, IL-12, IL-13, IL-15, IL-16, LIF, flt3 ligand, human growth hormone, B-cell growth factor, B-cell differentiation factor, eosinophil differentiation factor, and stem cell factor (SCF).

Claim 61 (currently amended). The cultured stem cells of claim 60 wherein *is* R₂ is selected from the group consisting of G-CSF, G-CSF Ser¹⁷, flt3 ligand, and c-mpl ligand.

Claim 62 (original). The cultured stem cells of claim 56 wherein said chimera protein is selected from group consisting of: SEQ ID NO:121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129,

130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 165, 166, 167, and 168.

Claim 63 (original). The cultured stem cells of claim 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, or 62 wherein said culture medium further comprises a hematopoietic growth factor selected from the group consisting of: GM-CSF, CSF-1, G-CSF, G-CSF Ser¹⁷, c-mpl ligand (MGDF or TPO), M-CSF, erythropoietin (EPO), IL-1, IL-4, IL-2, IL-5, IL-6, IL-7, IL-8, IL-9, IL-10, IL-11, IL-12, IL-13, IL-15, IL-16, LIF, flt3 ligand, human growth hormone, B-cell growth factor, B-cell differentiation factor, eosinophil differentiation factor and stem cell factor (SCF).

Claim 64 (original). The cultured stem cells of claim 60 wherein said culture medium further comprises a hematopoietic growth factor selected from the group consisting of: GM-CSF, CSF-1, G-CSF, G-CSF Ser¹⁷, c-mpl ligand (MGDF or TPO), M-CSF, erythropoietin (EPO), IL-1, IL-4, IL-2, IL-5, IL-6, IL-7, IL-8, IL-9, IL-10, IL-11, IL-12, IL-13, IL-15, IL-16, LIF, flt3 ligand, human growth hormone, B-cell growth factor, B-cell differentiation factor, eosinophil differentiation factor and stem cell factor (SCF).

Claim 65 (currently amended). The cultured stem cells of claim 62 61 wherein said culture medium further comprises a hematopoietic growth factor selected from the group consisting of: GM-CSF, CSF-1, G-CSF, G-CSF Ser¹⁷, c-mpl ligand (MGDF or TPO), M-CSF, erythropoietin (EPO), IL-1, IL-4, IL-2, IL-5, IL-6, IL-7, IL-8, IL-9, IL-10, IL-11, IL-12, IL-13, IL-15, IL-16, LIF, flt3 ligand, human growth hormone, B-cell growth factor, B-cell differentiation factor, eosinophil differentiation factor and stem cell factor (SCF).